

LANE SAYS 'NO' TO PROPOSAL OF THE P.G.&E. CO.

Service Will Not Refrain
From Furnishing Power
to Any Consumer to Be
Sold Again or Retailed in
District

CITY GET ENERGY
AT ANY TIME

Ample Opportunity Will Be Given City of Phoenix to Negotiate for Energy for Redistribution to Consumers

No exclusive contract for electric energy will be entered into with the Pacific Gas & Electric company by the regulation service. The city of Pas-

rotate with the government for the purchase of electrical energy for municipal use and for redistribution to consumers. The government will now enter into a new contract proposed by the P. G. & E. company, wherein the reclamation service is to "retire from furnishing power to any consumer"

Phoenix. All this and considerably more is embraced in a telegram received yesterday by Mayor George W. Wynn from Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior. The message was in reply to one addressed to the secretary Friday night asking him for a pledge of support of the exact situation with reference to any proposed contract that would procure the city of Phoenix at any later date negotiations

In full the telegram follows:
Washington, D. C., Dec. 12, 1917.
Hon. George H. Young,
Major, Ordnance Dept.,
Fort Belvoir, Chicago, Ill.

Under terms of contract now in effect the reclamation service is excluded from selling current for distribution to small consumers in the city of Phoenix. Under the terms of modification of the contract proposed by the P. U. & E. commission, the service is to "retain from furnishing power to any and

the city of Phoenix." But if any supplemental contract is made the city proposes to reserve the right to sell or lease power at any time to the municipality or to consumers whose daily demand is one hundred kilowatts or more. Before any modification of contract is permitted ample opportunity will be given the city of Phoenix to negotiate for the purchase of electrical energy for redistribution to consumers and no contract will be entered into until it has been submitted to the Water Users' Association for approval.

This telegram seemingly set at rest any fears that something might be done, except in the domain of the

The statements in Secretary Lane's telegram are clear and should leave no

At a well attended meeting of the Young Men's Business Association, Phoenix held last evening at the Chamber of Commerce building, the reading of the telegram was greeted with profuse applause. The forty-five members present expressed satisfaction and conviction that at least the first step in the movement to place Phoenix on line for a municipal electric light plant and to secure for the citizens of Phoenix lower rates had been successful.

EW FLAG SAY
HI KAI IS TYRANT

When a dispatch from Peking to the "Young China" newspaper was posted on the bulletin boards stating that Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, who has accepted the throne as emperor, had adopted as the new

The message also said that the red ball, of the republic. The red ball, it was stated, would be of similar size to the one used in the Japanese national emblem.

In speaking of the similarity of the new flag to that of Japanese, Tom King Chung, a former senator of the Chinese legislature dissolved by order of Yuan Shi Kai, said:

"The Japanese are our enemy. You can see their hand in every step against the progress of China. We succeeded in overthrowing the Manchus, and we will succeed in re-establishing the Chinese republic, when the present Manchu ruler is overthrown."


